Rabi 91-92 *(As on 31/10/91)*

N	250.03	277.21	108.47
P	182.00	178.20	88.53
K	18.00	20.52	12.00
Total	450.03	475.93	209.00

Exploration of Oil in Assam and Maharashtra

2363. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Maharashtra and Assam having oil-deposits and whether exploration work for oil is in progress; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b) In Assam oil deposits have been found at 35 places. However, in Maharashtra, so far, no deposit has been established. The exploration work is presently continuing in Assam

[English]

Under Ground Irrigation Potential

2364. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the under ground irrigation potential available and actually utilised in hectares, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of this potential tapped so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to allocate more funds to further encourage minor irrigation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The ultimate irrigation potential from ground water is 803.3 lakh hectares of which the potential created and utilised at the end of 7th Plan (1989-90) are 348 lakh hectares and 325 lakh hectares respectively. the State-wise details are given in the attached statement.

(b) The irrigation potential tapped up to the end of 7th Plan is about 43.3%

(c) and (d). The details of the Eighth Plan are yet to be finalised. However, emphasis is being laid on modernisation of old systems, conjunctive use of ground and surface water, people's participation in management of system etc. with a view to increase the levels of irrigation efficiency in the Irrigation Schemes.